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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains a report on the following:

- **Change in Pursuit of County Position on SB 614 (Leno).** This measure, originally related to a Peer, Parent and Family Support Specialist Certification Program for mental health needs, was amended on August 18, 2016. As amended, the bill would now take the presumption that a defendant is unable to pay for his or her court-appointed attorney fees when he or she is sentenced to State prison, and expand it to those defendants sentenced to one year or more in county jail. Therefore, **the Sacramento advocates will remove the County's support position on SB 614 and take no position on this measure.**
- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
 - **County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber)** – related to resentencing under Proposition 47 of 2014, passed the Senate Floor on August 24, 2016.
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation.** Updates on eight County-advocacy measures related to: 1) local contracting for the collection and transportation of solid waste; 2) retirement systems governed under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937; 3) the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016; 4) greenhouse gas emission limits; 5) oversight and regulation of natural gas storage wells; 6) an employment social enterprise preference for State contracts; 7) exempting a child from prostitution crime provisions; and 8) a strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants.

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Change in Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

County-supported SB 614 (Leno), which as amended on August 31, 2015, would establish the Peer, Parent and Family Support Specialist Certification Program to provide specialized training for peers, parents and families who provide individualized support services for persons with mental health needs, was substantially amended on August 18, 2016.

As amended, SB 614 would take the presumption that a defendant is unable to pay for his or her court-appointed attorney fees when sentenced to State prison, and expand it to those defendants sentenced to one year or more in county jail. Therefore, **the Sacramento advocates will remove the County's support position on SB 614 and take no position on this measure.**

This office is working with affected departments to determine the impact of these amendments to the County.

SB 614 is currently on the Senate Floor, pending concurrence of Assembly amendments.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber), which as amended on May 19, 2016, would extend the time period for individuals to petition for resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47 of 2014 by five years, from November 4, 2017 to November 4, 2022, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 30 to 9 on August 24, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed AB 1669 (Hernandez), which as amended on June 27, 2016, would require local agencies procuring an exclusive contract for the collection and transportation of solid waste to give a 10 percent bidding preference to contractors and subcontractors who submit bids and who agree to retain employees of the previous contract for at least 90 days, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence of Senate amendments, by a vote of 50 to 28 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-opposed AB 1853 (Cooper), which as amended on June 20, 2016, would allow a retirement system governed under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, such as the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, to elect by resolution to be an independent district and, as such, classify various county personnel

as employees of the retirement system, without the approval of the county board of supervisors, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence of Senate amendments, by a vote of 45 to 12 on August 24, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 2444 (Garcia), which as amended on August 16, 2016, would place the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016 on the November 8, 2016 statewide ballot and, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of State general obligations bonds in the amount of \$2.0 billion to finance parks, water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all programs, was amended on August 19, 2016.

As amended, the bill would authorize a bond in the amount of \$3.4 billion total (rather than \$2.0 billion) and would place the bond measure on the June 5, 2018 ballot, instead of the November 2016 ballot. The amendments also add provisions to set aside \$10.0 million for storm water improvements in coordination with parks improvements contingent on passage of the Los Angeles County November 2016 parcel tax measure for park-related improvements.

AB 2444 is currently pending on the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 32 (Pavley), which as amended on August 19, 2016, would require the California Air Resources Board to approve statewide greenhouse gas emission limits equivalent to 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030, passed the Senate Floor, in concurrence of Assembly amendments, by a vote of 25 to 13 on August 24, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 887 (Pavley), which as amended on June 30, 2016, would: 1) provide a comprehensive framework for the reform of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources' (DOGGR) oversight and regulation of natural gas storage wells; and 2) require evaluation, testing, and installation of specified technology and practices for operating natural gas storage wells, was amended on August 17, 2016 and August 19, 2016.

As amended, SB 887 would require the California Air Resources Board along with DOGGR and local air districts to develop a natural gas storage facilities monitoring program that includes continuous monitoring of ambient concentrations of natural gas at a facility to identify natural gas leaks. The bill would also require the program to include guidelines for continuous monitoring that include optical gas imaging, where applicable, and accurate quantitative monitoring of natural gas concentrations.

According to author's staff, the amendments were made by the Assembly Appropriations Committee to align the bill with DOGGRs proposed regulations, which have more flexibility in terms of the technology that will be required to monitor gas storage wells. The author's staff was able to ensure that subsurface safety values were included in the list of equipment to be considered by DOGGR as they develop the monitoring program.

SB 887 is currently pending on the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 1219 (Hancock), which as amended on August 19, 2016, would grant an employment social enterprise the preference and status that is currently provided to a small businesses or microbusinesses under State law, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 79 to 1 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate for concurrence in Assembly amendments.

County-supported SB 1322 (Mitchell), which as amended on August 4, 2016, would: 1) make a child under the age of 18 exempt from provisions that declare it a crime to solicit or engage in any act of prostitution; and 2) authorize peace officers to take the commercially sexually exploited child into temporary custody and report the suspected abuse or neglect of the minor to the county child welfare agency, passed the Senate Floor, in concurrence of Assembly amendments, by a vote of 29 to 9 on August 24, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 1383 (Lara), which as amended on April 12, 2016, would require the California Air Resources Board to: 1) approve and begin implementing a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants to achieve a reduction in methane by 40 percent, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40 percent, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50 percent below 2013 levels by 2030; 2) coordinate with other State and local agencies and districts to develop measures prior to approving the strategy; 3) evaluate the best-available scientific, technological, and economic information to ensure the strategy is cost-effective and technologically feasible; and 4) incorporate and prioritize measures and actions that provide job growth, local economic benefits, public health benefits, and potential for new innovation in technology, energy, and resources management practices, was amended on August 19, 2016.

As amended, SB 1383 would now also establish the following methane emission reduction goals: 1) a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020; and 2) a 75 percent reduction in the level of statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2050. Additionally, the bill would allow local jurisdictions to charge and collect fees to recover its costs incurred in complying with these regulations.

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SB 1383 has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. A hearing date has not been set.

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